

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 10196.0014-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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H. Wada et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1634
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Application No.: 10/821,657)	Examiner: Katherine D. SALMON
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Filed: April 8, 2004)	Confirmation No.: 8775
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For: REDUCTION OF MIGRATION SHIFT)	
ASSAY INTERFERENCE)	

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 14, 2009, the period for response having been extended to March 14, 2010, by a request for extension of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include the Sigma-Aldrich web site catalog entries for methyl 2-hydroxyethyl cellulose and sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, and the Aldrich Biocompatible/Biodegradable Materials catalog section, page 27.